

# KANSAS CITY REGION

## MISSOURI CAREER GRADES

### SEPTEMBER 2022

#### Food Preparation & Serving Related Occupations

Projected to have the most  
annual total job openings

**over 9,800**

#### Food Preparation & Serving Related Occupations

Most grade A and B  
annual openings

**over 8,800**

#### Farming, Fishing, & Forestry Occupations

Grade A and B Jobs  
Concentration

**100%**

Career Grades are a tool to help make comparisons between occupations. Each occupation is assigned a letter grade from A+ to F based on outlook over the next decade. **Grades are based on a combination of projected total job openings, projected percent growth, and average wages.** Occupations with a grade of A or A+ have above average results in at least two of the three variables, while occupations with a grade of B or B+ have above average results in at least one of the three variables.

The Kansas City region is projected to have over 66,000 annual job openings through 2030. The vast majority (96%) of these openings are in A, B, and C grade occupations. In general, higher graded occupations earn more and have higher growth rates. Grade A occupations earn an average wage that is 40 percent higher than the average wage for all occupations, and are projected to grow twice as fast as the average growth rate.

#### Annual Job Openings and Wages by Career Grades

##### Grade A

13,923 Job Openings  
\$75,185 Average Wage

##### Grade B

31,374 Job Openings  
\$53,629 Average Wage

##### Grade C

18,701 Job Openings  
\$42,452 Average Wage

#### Top Outlook Occupation Groups






Major Occupation Group	Total Openings	A & B Openings	A & B Concentration
Food Preparation & Serving Related	9,898	8,841	89%
Transportation & Material Moving	6,222	5,746	92%
Business & Financial Operations	3,818	3,250	85%
Healthcare Support	3,278	3,089	94%
Management	2,963	2,941	99%
Computer & Mathematical	2,393	2,328	97%
Construction & Extraction	2,861	2,275	80%
Education, Training, & Library	2,434	2,024	83%
Personal Care & Service	2,155	1,971	91%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	2,052	1,895	92%
Production	3,859	1,787	46%
Sales & Related	6,886	1,685	24%
Office & Administrative Support	8,196	1,657	20%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	2,459	1,489	61%
Installation, Maintenance, & Repair	2,138	1,202	56%

# Kansas City Top Grade Jobs







**Now** Typically requires short-term on-the-job training, little to no experience, and/or a high school diploma

Grade	Title	Annual Openings	2020-2030 Growth Rate	Average Wages
B+	Waiters & Waitresses	2,603	23.7%	\$23,994
B+	Fast Food & Counter Workers 	2,582	19.1%	\$27,656
A	Home Health & Personal Care Aides 	1,896	30.3%	\$25,033
B	Stockers & Order Fillers 	1,864	8.6%	\$30,842
B	Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand 	1,167	10.8%	\$33,315
B	Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners 	876	6.9%	\$32,263
B+	Security Guards 	637	14.0%	\$46,846
B	Childcare Workers	633	8.5%	\$24,717
A	Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	539	21.9%	\$32,989
B+	Construction Laborers	535	13.6%	\$49,726

**Next** Typically requires non-degree certificate, associate degree, apprenticeship, some experience, or moderate- to long-term training

Grade	Title	Annual Openings	2020-2030 Growth Rate	Average Wages
A	Cooks, Restaurant	1,212	52.3%	\$31,005
B	Miscellaneous Assemblers & Fabricators	1,172	8.4%	\$43,463
B	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers 	957	6.6%	\$45,945
B	Nursing Assistants 	712	7.9%	\$29,172
A	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	642	25.0%	\$42,805
B	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General 	605	8.3%	\$43,453
B	Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks 	584	-2.3%	\$44,221
B	First-Line Supervisors of Office & Administrative Support Workers	482	-1.5%	\$63,337
A	Sales Representatives of Services	450	10.7%	\$63,976
A	Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing 	440	10.3%	\$65,288

**Later** Typically requires a bachelor's degree or higher

Grade	Title	Annual Openings	2020-2030 Growth Rate	Average Wages
A+	General & Operations Managers 	1,204	11.1%	\$110,843
A+	Software Developers & Quality Assurance Analysts & Testers 	953	25.9%	\$94,814
A	Registered Nurses 	875	8.5%	\$70,465
A	Accountants & Auditors 	692	9.0%	\$72,536
A	Project Mngmt. Specialists & Business Op. Specialists, All Other	563	7.0%	\$85,823
A+	Management Analysts 	482	17.8%	\$92,072
B	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special & Career/Tech. Edu.	449	7.8%	\$51,903
B	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	407	7.5%	\$54,323
A	Human Resources Specialists 	327	12.8%	\$64,593
A	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	290	26.9%	\$66,832

 Flame icon indicates occupations with high numbers of online job ad postings in 2021.

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) program. Occupational projections developed by the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC). Lightcast™. Job opening and growth rate data is based on sum of published employment.

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